

Unit Exam Study Guide: *Beowulf*

Multiple Choice

Be familiar with ideas, characters, and plot. Know the book! For example, understand and be able to identify what causes Grendel to begin “to work his evil in the world.”

Know the following terms: **digression, scop, epic poem, alliteration, and kenning.**

Matching: Characters

Be prepared to match character descriptions to character names.

Shield Sheafson	Hygd
Hrothgar	Unferth
Beowulf	Hygelac
Grendel	Wiglaf
Grendel’s Mother	Danes
Wealhtheow	Geats

Possible Short Answer Questions

You will be required to write one long, well thought-out, descriptive paragraph (about 8 sentences) on a topic similar to one of the three below. Consider these topics and think about what events/passages in the text you could use to support your thoughts for each.

1. What is the most important value displayed in *Beowulf*? Which characters exhibit this value most?
2. What lessons might *Beowulf* be intended to teach its hearers? Remember to consider how this story is a legend, how it was first told, and who it was written by.
3. Examine the theme of glory in *Beowulf*. How do the characters view glory? What actions or characteristics are worthy of glory in the poem?